

REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are now pending in the application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

CLAIM OBJECTION

Claim 16 stands objected to because the word "complimenting" should be -- complementing--. Claim 16 has been amended delete "complimenting" and insert therefore, --complementing--. The objection to claim 16 should now be moot.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 10, and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Applicants' admitted prior art in view of Katsuya et al (U.S. Pat. No. 6,507,381). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 1, 10, and 17 have been amended to call for terminals formed on each of the pair of substrates for conducting between the substrates and for the alignment layer to be formed so as to cross the region for forming the sealant in a region other than the region for conducting between the substrates. This amendment is fully supported by the specification as filed and, more specifically, at pages 17, lines 24 to page 19, line 18. Katsuya et al does not teach, suggest, or provide motivation to utilize such configuration. As such, Applicants respectfully assert that claims 1, 10, and 17 are not obvious.

Claims 2-9, 11-16, and 18-21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Applicants' admitted prior art in view of Katsuya et al (U.S. Pat. No. 6,507,381) and further in view of Watanabe et al (U.S. Pat. No. 5,150,239). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 2-9 are dependent on claim 1, claims 11-16 are dependent on claim 10, and claims 18-21 are dependent on claim 17. These claims should be in condition for allowance for at least the same reasons as their independent base claims, respectively. More particularly, as stated above, claims 1, 10, and 17 have been amended to call for terminals formed on each of the pair of substrates for conducting between the substrates and for the alignment layer to be formed so as to cross the region for forming the sealant in a region other than the region for conducting between the substrates. Katsuya et al does not teach, suggest, or provide motivation to utilize such a configuration. As such, it would not have been obvious to combine the teachings of Katsuya et al and Watanabe et al to arrive at the claimed invention.

Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

NEW CLAIMS

New claims 22-24 have been added. These claims are fully supported by the specification and drawings as originally filed, no new matter has been added.

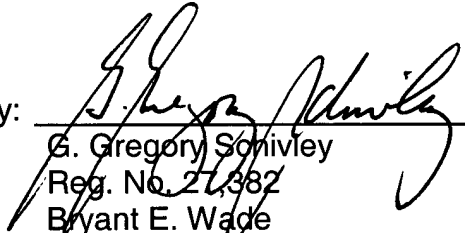
Favorable consideration of these new claims is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

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